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The attached letter is sent in support of Microsoft in the Microsoft Settlement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the proposed settlement of the antitrust lawsuit between the federal government and Microsoft. I know that you are not responsible for bringing this lawsuit and that you are somewhat constrained in your options in disposing of the case given its history. I applaud you for reaching the settlement and making the best of a bad situation.

From what I heard about the settlement agreement, Microsoft has agreed to significant changes in the way it does business. Consumers will certainly benefit from Microsoft's agreement to allow competition from non-Microsoft programs within Windows. I think consumers and computer makers will also benefit from the new pricing practices established by the settlement.

All in all, I think the settlement agreement is a good thing for our economy. I hope that you allow it to remain in place in its present form. Thank you for considering my point of view.

Sincerely,

Angela Pearce